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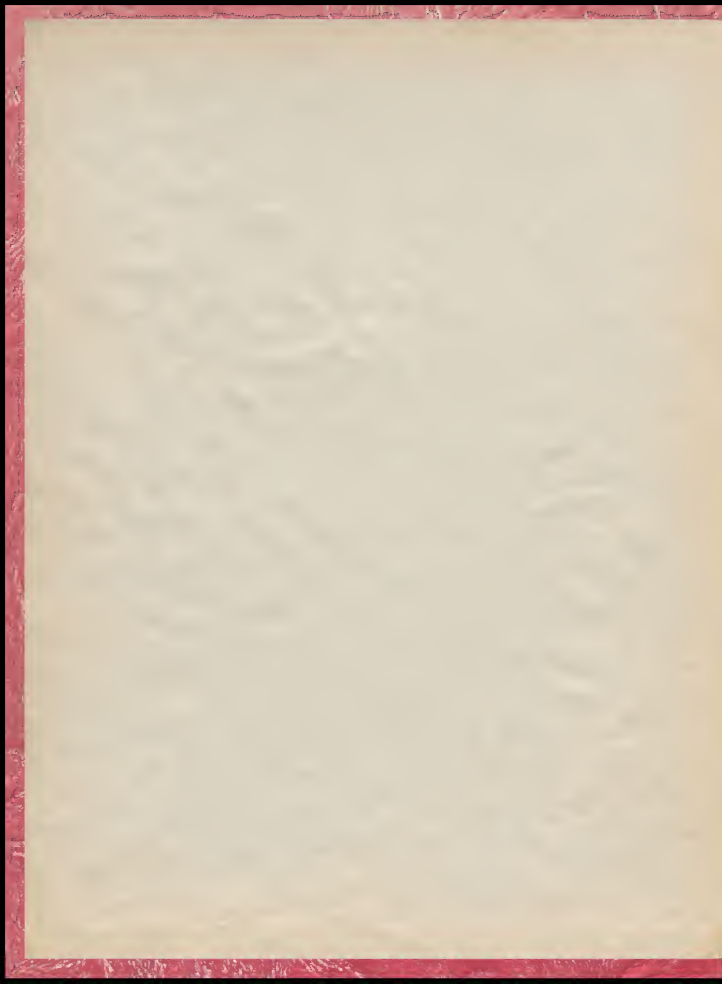
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FOREWARD

TIME WAITS FOR NO ONE—

How true are the above words, for here we are on the threshold of life itself. The years have whisked away since that first day when the group of green, bright-eyed freshies entered the portals of Merrillville High. Now finally, the time has come when this same group must leave the school, with the sense of security it offers, and face the future.

With a true purpose in mind, and remembering the teachings and advice of our teachers, we are positive that there is a definite place for us in the future phases of life.

We are now presenting to you this final record of our last year in school, hoping that you, too, will reap the same bountiful crop of memories that we have.



So easy to remember...



IN HONOR

ARTHUR C. VEDDER Merchant Marine

EDWARD G. ADLER
Navy

ELMER E. ARMITAGE
Navy (disc.)

BORIS CHRISTOFF
Navy

GEORGE COVACIU
Navy

HARRY EBERHARDT
Navy (disc.)

PAUL B. HAYDEN
Navy

JAMES R. HOGAN
Navy

HUBERT LINES
Army

PAT L. O'NEIL
Navy

FRANK B. RIGBY, JR.
Army

ALBERT SEDERY
Army Air Corps

We salute these classmates who have left our ranks somewhere
along the way to enter the armed services.

DEDICATION

We, the Merrillville High School graduating class of 1946, dedicate this annual to YOU.

With the spirit and loyalty we have developed here, we hope this will be an inspiration to succeeding staffs. We will then have fulfilled our purpose.



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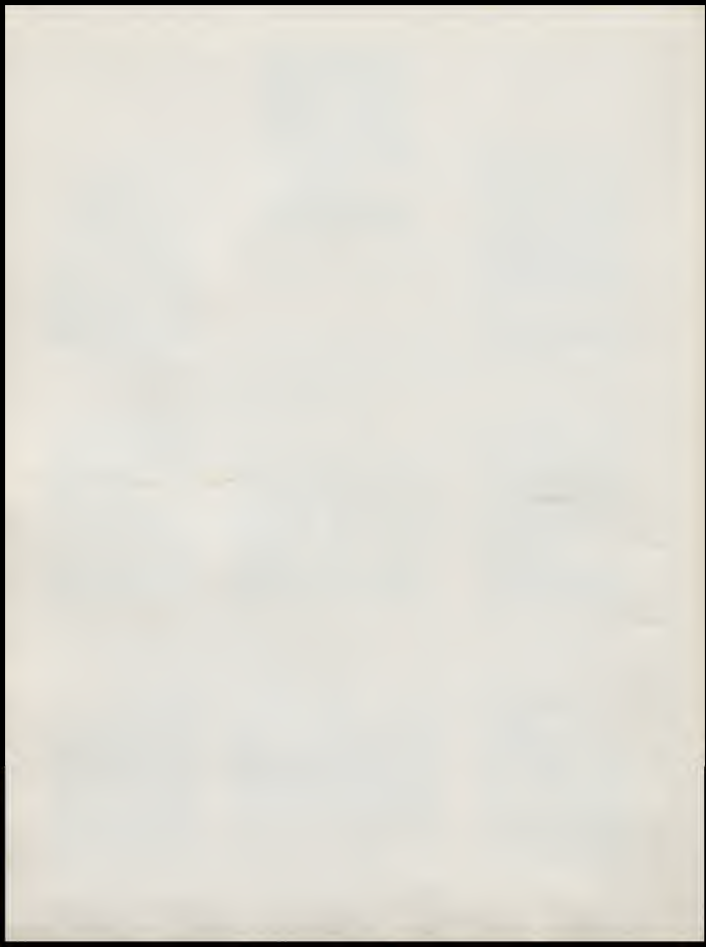
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Message From The Staff

We sincerely hope that, through our efforts, the future classes of Merrillville High School will have a record that will bring back memories in the future years when you browse through this annual.

The hungry feeling that settled around six o'clock and the times when we didn't think that we could close our eyes without seeing copies of the annual floating by, all these will be forgotten if we know that this annual is appreciated and read once in awhile when you have nothing to do. Look back and remember, and the true purpose of our work will be before you.

Long after the toil of this senior class is forgotten, we will have the evidence preserved in the form of this annual. We have tried to bring you a variety of humor and remembrance. Only through much painstaking work was this possible. So, when you read this, think of the staff and hope that someday you will be able to join their ranks.

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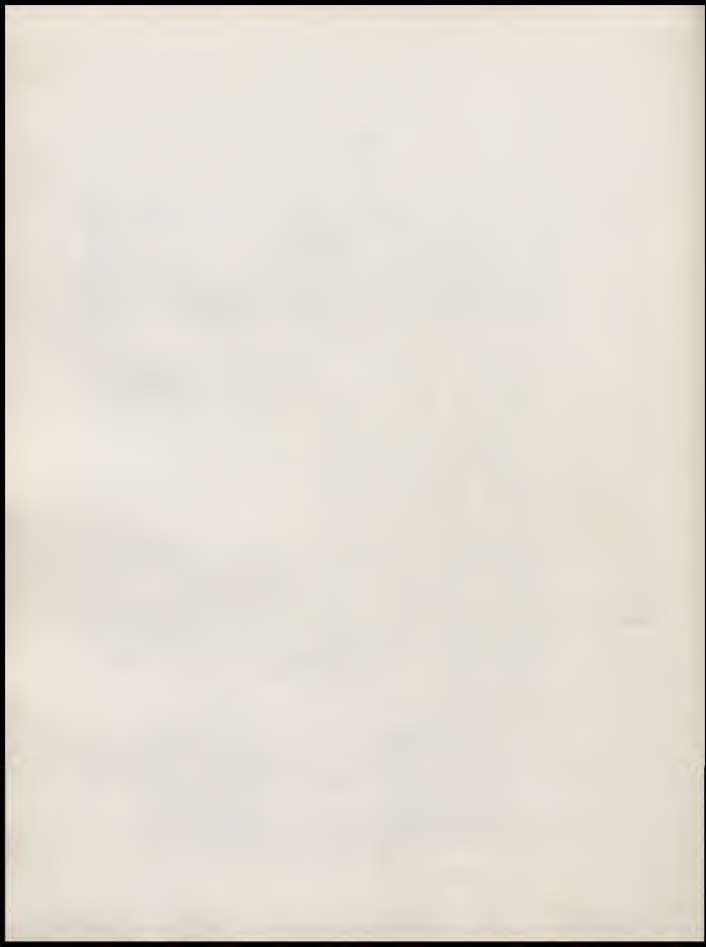
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A Message From Our Principal

CLAUDE V. YORK

I have noticed that great personalities have developed the common traits. If you meet a great personality he stimulates you by the very words or acts which bring out these characteristics.

It is a pretty good rule to remember that, when we come into contact with another person, even though it be for a short time, our job is to lead him to a higher plane than that one on which we found him.

When thinking of the big things in life, don't overlook the little things because they bring out this art of thoughtfulness of which I am concerned.

I know this thoughtfulness will assure you of many, many days of happy reflections as the years go by.

Senior Class History

The freshman class of 1946, under the direction of Mr. Browning, is making a thorough study of radar. At the present time the freshies are completing an experiment in contacting the moon. Seen as the man in the moon is the class of '46. In the first of the series of experiments contact is made with the first phase or quarter moon. The rulers of the quarter moon were: Richard Kraft, king; Paul Hayden, adviser to the king; Lois Foust, scribe; and Delores Thomas, purser. This phase was completed under the guiding light of Mr. George Boettner, Mrs. Leah Lester, and Mrs. Irene Collins. The class selected the yellow rose as their flower, and red and gray as their colors. Their motto was "Do not celebrate a triumph before a victory."

Now these green scientists observe the second phase, half moon. They find as advisers to the rulers, Mr. Max Michael and Miss Dorothy Knoop. The rulers of the half moon were: Lois Foust, queen; Richard Kraft, adviser to the queen; LaVerna Lennertz, scribe and purser. The most important social affair was a skating party to raise money for gym window shades.

After many discouraging attempts these proteges of Einstein succeeded in contacting the third phase or the three-quarter moon. The able sponsors of this very successful phase were: Mrs. Leah ester and Mrs. Dorothy Carlton, who worked with the current rulers; Bob Lauer, king; Jim Kraft, adviser to the king; Frances Shipley, scribe; Jim Ayers, purser; and Dorothy Borman, town crier. Some important events of this phase were the Junior Dance, "I'll Remember April," and the play, "Spooks and Spasms." Everyone agreed that the most momentous event was the Junior-Senior Prom, "Stardust," which was held on May 11 at the Marquette Pavilion.

And now these underclassmen come to the fourth phase, the full moon. This phase was ruled by Richard Kraft, king; Betty Lou Huelster, adviser to the king; Paul Kloth, scribe; Donna Marie Blaze, purser; and Marilyn Erickson, the town crier. Mrs. Leah Lester and Mr. Hilmer Jacobson pulled the chariot along the path of the Milky Way. The theme of the Senior Dance was "Treasure Chest." The annual play called "Boots and Nuts" was also presented. The seniors consider their fourth and final phase a very successful one. "As the moon rises, we have risen."

Seniors

RONALD HENRICH

Hi-Y 3-4; Red Cross 2-3; Band 1-2; Junior Play; Basketball 3-4; Baseball 3-4; Track 3-4; Safety Patrol 2.

MARY ELLEN GRIFFIN

SSS 1-2-3 (Treas.), 4; GAA 1-2-3-4; Red Cross 2-3-4; Mirror Staff; Merrillvue Staff.

LEWANNUS SCHWALL

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-3-4; Red Cross 3-4; Mirror Staff.

STANLEY RIGBY

Hi-Y 3-4 (V. Pres.); Band 2-4; Choir 2-3-4; Track 2-3-4.

CHARLES HUGUELY

Hi-Y 2; Choir 2.

DOROTHY BORMAN

SSS 4; GAA 1-2-3 (Sec.)-4 (Sec.); Red Cross 2-3-4; Mirror Staff; Cheerleader 1-3-4; Prom Queen; Class Rep. 3.

BARBARA CONNER

SSS 4; GAA 1-2-3 (V. Pres.)-4 (Pres.); Red Cross 2-3-4; Mirror Staff; Student Council 3-4; Junior Play; Cheerleader 1-3-4.

JAMES AYERS

Hi-Y 3-4 (Pres.); Merrillville Staff; Student Council 4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Baseball 3-4; Track 2-3-4; Class Treas. 3.

MARGARET NILES

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-3-4 (Rep.); Tri Ep 3-4 (Sec.); Mirror Staff; Choir 1-2-4.

ROBERT LAUER

Hi-Y 3-4 (Chaplain); Red Cross 2-3 (V. Pres.)-4 (V. Pres.); Merrillville Staff; Student Council 3-4 (Pres.); Band 1-2-4; Junior Play; Safety Patrol Captain 2; Class Pres. 3.

PAUL KLOTH

Hi-Y 4; Mirror Staff; Basketball 4; Merrillville Staff; Track 3-4; Class Sec. 4.

JAMES KUNTZ

SHIRLEY READY

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-3-4; Tri Ep 3-4; Red Cross 2-3-4; Mirror Staff; Merrillvue Staff.

GARY THOMPSON

Hi-Y 3-4 (Sec.); Mirror Staff; Merrillvue Staff.

JERR COLLINS

Basketball 4; Baseball 4; Track 4.

MARY REED

Cath. Central 1-2-3; GAA 1-2-3; Bi-Phy-Chem. 3; Latin Club; Hi Line Staff; Class V. Pres. 1, Treas. 2, Sec. 3; SSS 4; Carnival Queen 4.



Ronald
Wenzelich

JAN.



Mary Ellen
Kufin



William
Schwall



Stanley
Rigby



Charles
Maquerry

FEB.



Dorothy
Borman



Barbara
Conner



James
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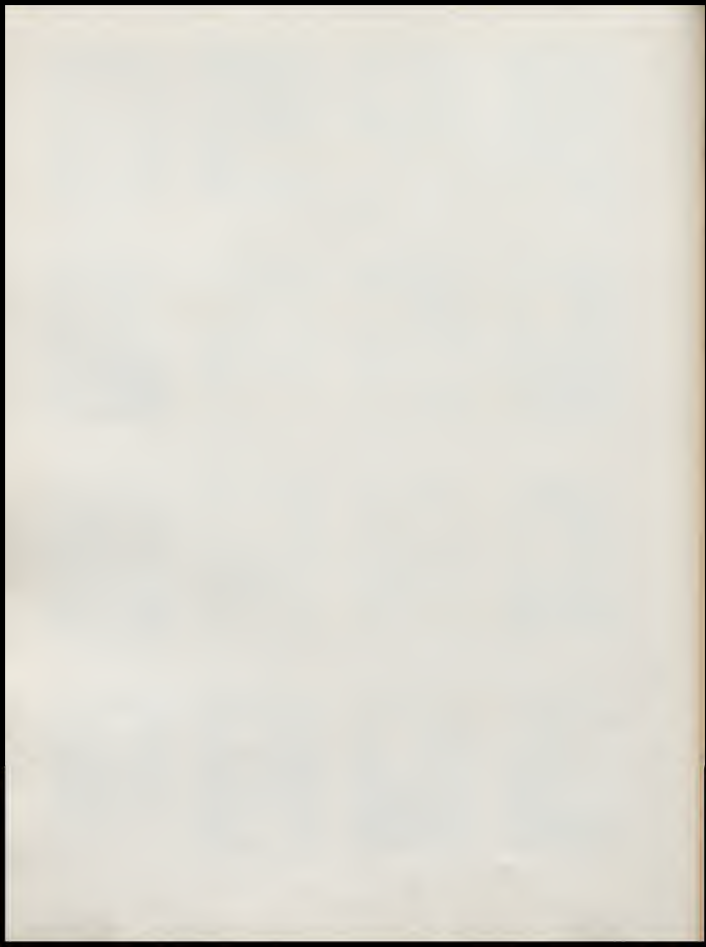
Mary
Thompson



Jerry
Collins



Mary
Reed



YOUR HOROSCOPE

CAPRICORN December 22 - January 20

You achieve your best development by care in your public actions and a sense of responsibility toward whatever is expected of you; by heeding public opinion; by consistency of effort; and being direct and tactful at the same time.

AQUARIUS January 21 - February 19

You achieve your best development by concentrating on things that depend on you alone; by physical and mental moderation; by conscientiousness and willingness to take a backseat; and by due regard for physical and emotional health.

PISCES February 20 - March 20

You achieve your best development by serenity and peace of mind; by consideration of others; by expecting much of yourself and little of loved ones; by clarity of aims and steadiness of methods; and by conventionality in all social and personal dealings.

ARIES March 21 - April 20

You achieve your best development by steadiness on basic matters in the face of small difficulties and irritants; by clear-headed examination into the roots and fundamentals of your life; and by care with respect to health and material security.

TAURUS April 21 - May 21

You achieve your best development by adherence to things as you find them around you; by consolidating your life within a small and familiar sphere; by utilizing new ideas and by working, thinking in a smooth and orderly fashion.

GEMINI May 22 - June 21

You achieve your best development by steadiness in practical matters and adherence to your own best interests; by reserve in social, personal and financial matters.

Seniors

LLOYD ALEXANDER

NORMA HARMS

SSS 1-2-3 (Sec.) 4; GAA 2-3; Tri Ep 3-4; Red Cross 2-3-4; Mirror Staff; Merrillvue Staff.

FRANCES KAZIMER

SSS 1-2 (Sec.) -3-4 (Pres.); Tri Ep 3-4 (V. Pres.); Red Cross 2 (V. Pres.); 3 (Pres.)- 4; Mirror Staff; Student Council 3 (Treas.)-4; Merrillvue Staff.

GEORGE NEARING

Choir 2; Basketball 3; Track 1-2-3.

LAURA YAROS

SSS 1-2-3-4; Tri Ep 3-4; Red Cross 3; Mirror Staff; Merrillvue Staff; Choir 1-2-4.

JAMES McGOVERN

Mirror Staff; Junior Play; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Baseball 1-2-3; Track 1-2; Carnival King 4.

HRLEY MacLAVERTY

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-4; Tri Ep 3-4 (Treas.); Mirror Staff; Junior Play; Choir 1-4.

EVELYN DOEPPING

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-3-4; Tri Ep 3-4; Red Cross 4; Mirror Staff.

MARY JANE MILLER

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-3-4; Tri Ep 3.

MARILYN ERICKSON

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-3-4; Tri Ep 3-4; Red Cross 2-3-4; Mirror Staff; Student Council 4; Merrillvue Staff (Editor); Cass Rep. 4.

LAVERNE LENNERTZ

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-3-4; Red Cross 2-3-4; Choir 2-4; Mirror Staff; Merrillvue Staff; Class Sec.-Treas. 2.

JOYCE NEINER

Tri Ep 3-4 (Rep.); Merrillvue Staff.

MAX WHITE

WILLIAM FRANKO

Hi-Y 3-4; Mirror Staff; Junior Play.

FRANCES SHIPLEY

SSS 1 (Cor. Sec.)-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-3-4; Red Cross 2-3 (Sec.)-4; Mirror Staff (Editor); Student Council 4; Class Sec. 3.



Lloyd
Alexander



MAY

Norma
Hurms



Frances
Kazimer



George
Neading



Laura
Garas



James
McGovern



Shirley
MacAvarty



JUNE

Evelyn
Doepping



Mary Jane
Miller



Marilyn
Erickson



Larlene
Penney



Joyce
Meiner



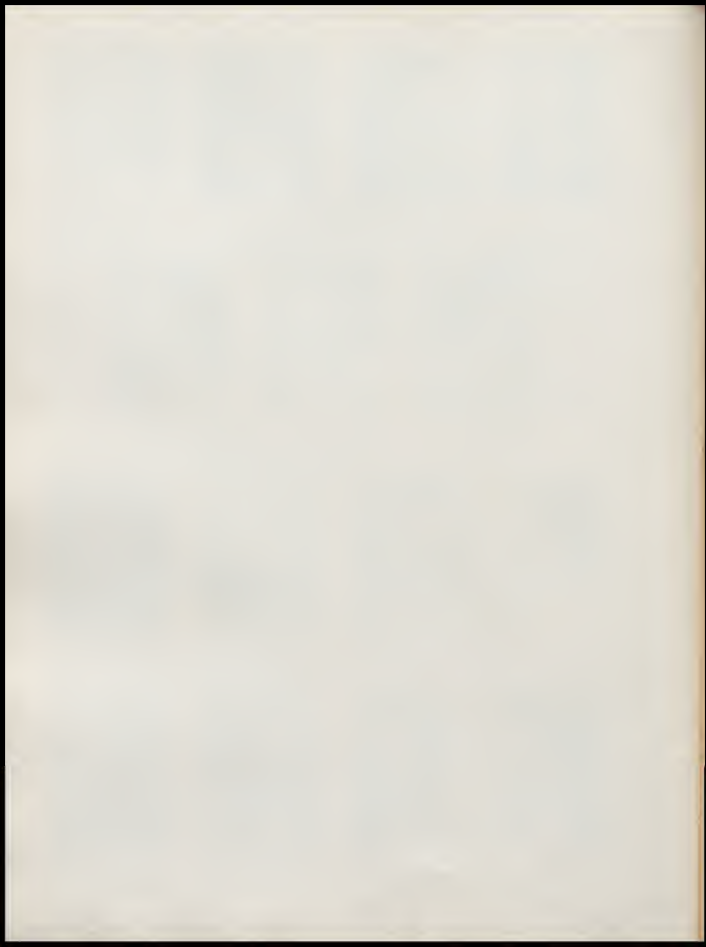
Mar
White



Wilham
Franko



Frances
Shipley



CANCER June 22 - July 23

You achieve your best development by taking your full share of responsibility without self-injury; by being reliable, moderate and self-effacing; by care of health; by willingness to assume responsibility; and by being ultracooperative with others and your world in general.

LEO July 24 - August 23

You achieve your best development by self-acceptance or the discovery and elimination of the things in yourself which you can't accept without self-injury; by steadiness in doing what is essential; by due care of physical welfare and peace of mind; and by inner poise, calm, balance, and self-assurance.

VIRGO August 24 - September 23

You achieve your best development by maturity and sobriety in all social dealing; by adherence to long-established aims and purposes; by cooperating with those whom you love and trust; and by a high sense of responsibility toward what is required of you in the world you inhabit.

LIBRA September 24 - October 23

You achieve your best development by care in your public actions and a sense of responsibility toward whatever is expected of you; by heeding public opinion; by consistency of effort; by opportunism in practical and personal matters; and by adherence to your highest aims and aspirations.

SCORPIO October 24 - November 23

You achieve your best development by taking the broad and forward-looking approach to all things; by a willingness not to stay in a rut; by opportunistic taking advantage of what comes your way; and by self-restraint and self-effacement.

SAGITTARIUS November 22 - December 21

You achieve your best development by a wholly practical attitude toward material matters; by generosity in connection with others; by cooperativeness; by living according to a planned economy; and by getting the other fellow's viewpoint in personal and material matters.

Seniors

JOHN HOFFMEISTER

Hi-Y 4; Red Cross 2 (Rep.)-4; Merrillvue Staff; Mirror Staff.

DOROTHY JENKINS

GAA 1-2; Mirror Staff.

SHIRLEY DAVIDS

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-3-4; Mirror Staff.

FRED SCHILLING

Hi-Y 3-4; Mirror Staff; Basketball 1-2-3-4 (Capt.); Track 2-3-4; Baseball 1-2-3-4; Prom King.

ROSALIE FLECK

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-3-4; Merrillvue Staff; Mirror Staff.

MARGARET ENGSTROM

SSS 1-2-3-4; Red Cross 2-3-4; Mirror Staff; Choir 2.

DORA MAE DAVIS

GAA 1-2-3-4; Mirror Staff; Choir 1-2-3.

JANET LINES

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2; Red Cross 4; Tri Ep 3-4; Mirror Staff.

DONNA MARIE BLAZE

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-3-4; Tri Ep 4; Red Cross 2-3-4 (Pres.); Merrillvue Staff; Mirror Staff; Choir 1-2-3-4; Student Council 4 (Sec.); Cheerleader 4; Class Treas. 4.

VIVIAN STOKES

SSS 4; GAA 1-2-3-4; Mirror Staff; Red Cross 3.

LOIS FOUST

SSS 3-4; GAA 1-2-3-4; Tri Ep 3-4; GAA 2-3-4; Merrillvue Staff; Mirror Staff; Student Council 2 (Treas.); Junior Play; Class Sec.-Treas. 1, Pres. 2.

DOROTHY CLAUS

GAA 2-3-4; Merrillvue Staff; Mirror Staff; Choir 1-2.

DELORES THOMAS

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-3-4 (Treas.); Tri Ep 3-4; Red Cross 2-3-4; Mirror Staff; Choir 1; Class Rep. 1.

JEAN MARIE YORK

SSS 1-2-3 (V. Pres.)-4; (Cor. Sec.); GAA 1-2-3-4; Tri Ep 3-4; Red Cross 2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Choir 2-4; Mirror Staff; Junior Staff.

MILDRED WEILER

Mirror Staff.

GILBERT FRANZ

Hi-Y 3-4; FFA 3-4.



John Hoffmeister



Dorothy Jenkins



Shirley Davids



Fred Schilling



Rozalie Fleck



Margaret Engstrom



Dora Mae Davis



Janet Lines



Donna Marie Blage



Vivian Stokes



Lois Foust



Dorothy Claul



Delores Thomas



Jean Marie York



Mildred Weiler



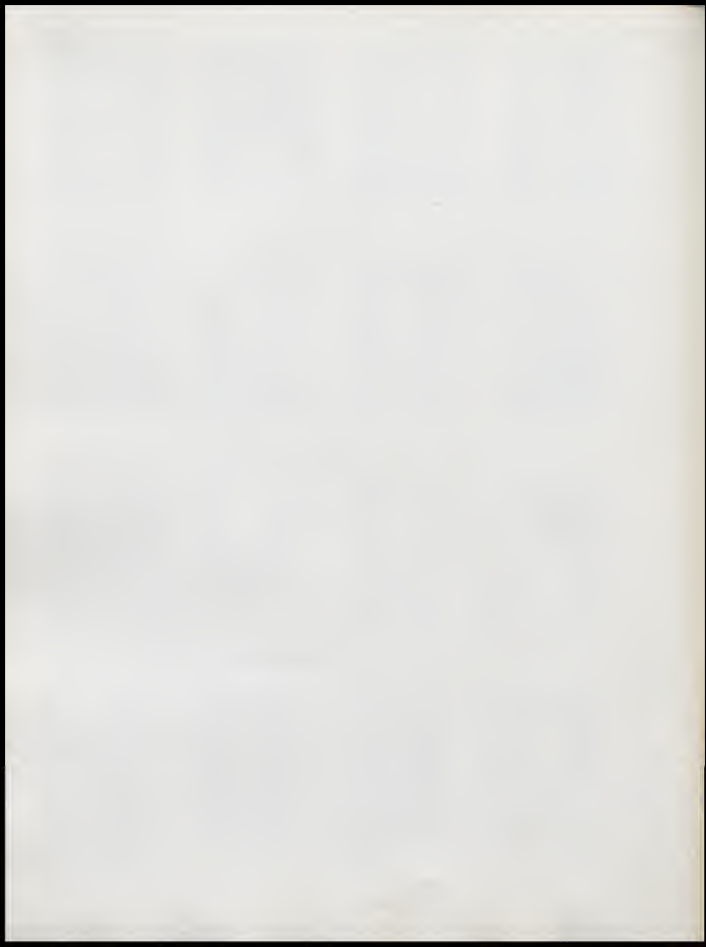
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Nov.



Audrey
Stocker



Betty Lou
Huulster



Charlotte
Drossos



Ellen
O'Brien



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Witham



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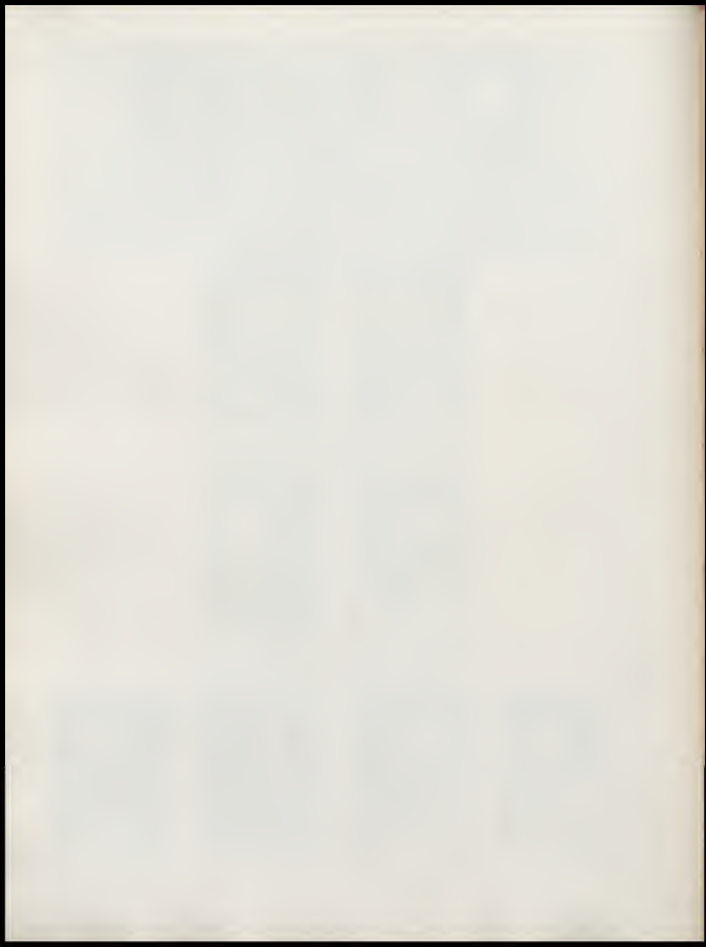


Jean
Fisher



Richard
Kraft

DEC.



Seniors

AUDREY STOCKER

Commercial Club 1-2; Spanish Club 1;
SSS 3-4; GAA 3-4; Red Cross 3-4;
Choir 3; Merrillvue Staff; Mirror Staff.

BETTY LOU HUELSTER

SSS 1-2-3-4 (Sec.); Tri Ep 3-4 (Pres.);
Red Cross 2-3 (Rep.) 4; Mirror Staff;
Merrillvue Staff; Student Council 4 (V.
Pres.); Class V. Pres. 4.

CHARLOTTE DROSSOS

GAA 1-2-3-4; Mirror Staff; Choir 1-2-
3; Junior Play.

ELLEN O'BRIEN

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-3; Tri Ep 3-4;
Mirror Staff; Choir 1-2-4; Junior Play.

SHIRLEY WITHAM

Tri Ep 3-4; Mirror Staff.

DONALD TONAGEL

Hi-Y 3-4 (Sgt.-at-arms); Merrillvue
Staff; Mirror Staff; Choir 2; Basketball
4; Student Manager 3.

LEONA HOGAN

SSS 1-2-3-4; GAA 1-2-3-4; Merrillvue
Staff; Mirror Staff.

MICHAEL VEREB

Hi-Y 3-4.

FLORIE SMITH

Mirror Staff.

JEAN FISHER

SSS 1-2-3; Mirror Staff.

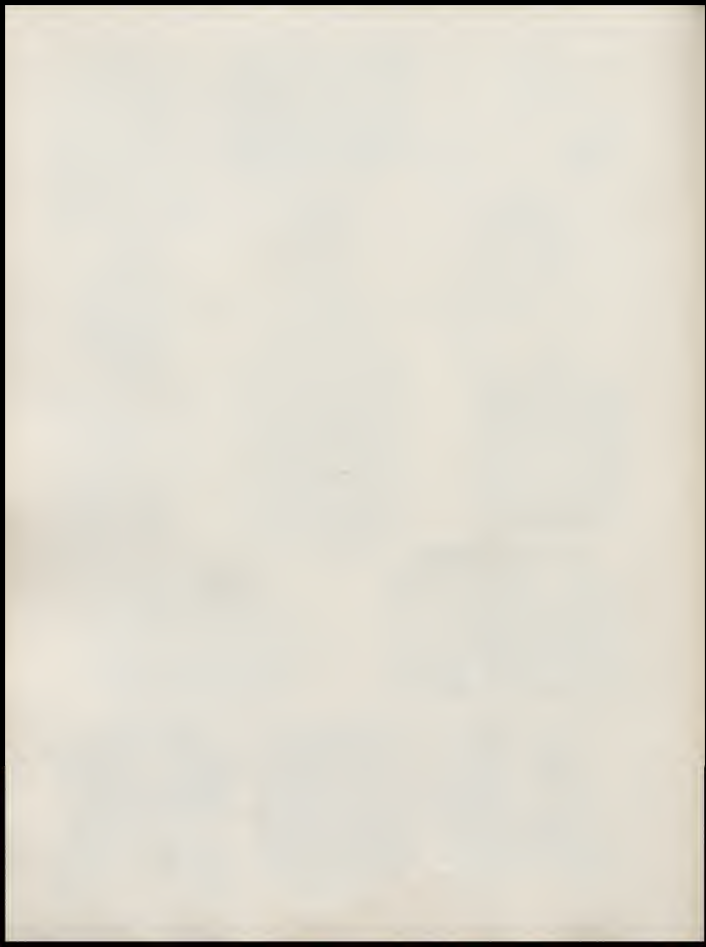
RICHARD KRAFT

Hi-Y 3-4 (Treas.); Mirror Staff;
Merrillvue Staff; Student Council 1-4
(Treas.); Class Pres. 1, V Pres. 2, V
Pres. 3, Pres. 4.

Personalities of the Class of '46

Jim McGovern	most conceited boy
Charlotte Drossos	most comical girl
Jerry Collins	most comical boy
Ellen O'Brien	most conceited girl
Jean Fisher	most feminine
Bill Franko	most infectious laugh
Mary Reed	most dignified
Leona Hogan	eyes
Whitey Kloth	best dressed boy
Lois Foust	best dressed girl
Fritz Schilling	life of the party
Gary Thompson	best personality
Dottie Borman	best personality
Mary Jane Miller	life of the party
Frances Shipley	most brilliant girl
Dot Jenkins	prettiest girl
Richard Kraft	most brilliant boy
George Nearing—no picture	eyes





Prophecy

TIME: Ten years from now.

PLACE: WHITEY KLOTH'S STORK CLUB.

Well, if it weren't for Don Tonagel's fast taxi service and expert driving, we would never have made it here in time. Let's go in! We should be just in time for the floor show that has been written, produced, and directed by Donna Marie Blaze. Just look who is opening the door for us—Jim Kuntz. He's dressed "fit to kill." Look at the placard advertising the show. It's Fritz Schilling, Master of Ceremonies; Charlotte Drossos, the best comedian in Hollywood; Richard Kraft, magician; Johnny Hoffmeister and his trained seals; and featuring *Bob's Swing Symphony*, better known as *Lauer's Lousy Livers*, with vocals by Jim McGovern. Slurp! What a program. Let's check our hats and coats to Leona Hogan, Laura Yaros and Marge Niles. There go the lights! I guess Max White is at work again. Yep, there goes his assistant, Mike Vereb with a ladder. Well, here we are at our table. Get comfy, kids. Give your order to Chuck Hugsley. I want the usual. I guess I'll look around the room, and see if I can see anyone else I know.

Oh, there are a lot of celebrities with us tonight. Lois Foust, the famous dress designer, is coming in the door with Marilyn Erickson, the prominent social leader. At the center table we have Gary Thompson, the head of the Mayo Clinic; Jean Fisher, the Superintendent of Nurses at the clinic; Mary Griffith, the well known nurse practitioner, all of whom are talking to Stanley Rigby, the house detective. Seems like an interesting conversation! I see George Covaciu, the admiral, and Lloyd Alexander of *Alexander's Trucking Firm* with George Nading, manager of a Pepsi Cola Plant, at the bar talking with Jerry Collins, the bartender.

Jean Marie York, the club's dietician, is just coming out of the kitchen. She must have been giving Gilbert Franz, the chef, a few pointers. And there is LaVerne Lennertz, the *Times* photographer, taking a picture of Shirley Davids, Manville's umptieth wife. Oh yes, there's Frances Shipley, the editor of the *New York Times*, alias *Shipley's Slo-Sheet*, talking to Vivian Stokes, who has her own skating show down the street at the Coliseum. Dede Thomas is trying to get her autograph.

Oh, oh it seems that Bill Franko, the cashier, is having a little trouble collecting his money. Hey, Bill. Say, I believe I know that *Franko*.

She's the cigarette girl. Why, it course, it's Dot Jenkins. Say, is it true that Rosalie Fleck, Shirley Witham, and Shirley Ready have all gone out West and are living on ranches? There's Ellen O'Brien, the movie star, and Mary Jane Miller, the famous Conover model, coming in the door escorted by Tom Trusha, the big time racketeer. They are sitting down at a table with Frances Kazimer, the stickless chewing gum heiress, and LeWannus Schwall, the Park Avenue seamstress. There's Jim Ayers, the Purdue track star, and Dick McKnight who was voted the most handsome man in Hollywood, talking to Shirley MacLaverty, alias Mrs. Rickard, and to Margaret Engstrom who was voted the quietest woman in the United States, and her interpreter, Janet Lines. Hi! That was Dorothy Borman escorted by her Arabian sheik. There's Ronald Henrichs underneath the corner table. He must be looking for the flattest feet in the world for his new arch supports. Here come Evelyn Doepping and Dempsey, her husband. Look at that far table. There's Betty Lou Huelster, the governor of Rhode Island, talking to Norma Harms, the 1956 Florence Nightingale. Hello, Dora Mae! Say, did you hear that she is working on secret chemical research for the government? There is Audrey Stocker, the representative to U. N. O., talking to Joyce Neiner, the famous teletype machinist. I see Mildred Weiler, the club's bookkeeper, talking to the history teacher of Harvard, Florie Smith. Mary Reed, the mystery novelist is now coming in the door with Barbara Conner and Dorothy Claus, co-owners of the famous institution, *How to be Beautiful Through Exercise*.

The lights are dimming, and the show is about to begin. Lets' settle back and R-E-L-A-X!!!!

Last Will and Testament

We, the disinherited and disillusioned class of '46, being of dilapidated body and battered mind, do ordain and establish this last will and testament, and on this day do set our hand to the seal.

To the FACULTY—Silk handkerchieves to wipe away your tears on the night of our Commencement.

To the JUNIORS—An elastic treasury.

To the SOPHOMORES—Plush lined arm-chairs for your greater comfort.

To the FRESHMEN—More tacks (you'll know how to use them!).

I, LLOYD ALEXANDER, bequeath my nickname, "Lucky," to those who need it.

I, JIM AYERS, bequeath my ability to run the mile to Ralph White.

I, DONNA MARIE BLAZE, bequeath my versatility to my sister, Pat.

WE, DOROTHY BORMAN, MARILYN ERICKSON, FRANCES KAZIMER, and LaVERNE LENNERTZ, bequeath our loving friendship and lunch corner in room 13 to Joyce Hancock, Phyllis Borman, Mary Woodland, and Judy Gadness, with the hope that they will do the same at the end of three years.

I, DOROTHY CLAUS, bequeath my athletic ability to Pat Saager.

I, JERRY COLLINS, bequeath my basketball ability to Henry Mikulich.

I, BARBARA CONNER, bequeath my cheerleading ability to Phyllis Borman.

I, SHIRLEY DAVIDS, bequeath my ability to stay home and not get caught to Esther Petersen.

I, DORA MAE DAVIS, bequeath my fudge-making ability to Miss Brennan.

I, EVELYN DOEPPING, bequeath my muscles to Shirley Smith.

I, CHARLOTTE DROSSOS, bequeath my comic personality to John Johnson.

I, MARGARET ENGSTROM, bequeath my slenderness to Lorraine Schiesser.

I, JEAN FISHER, bequeath my femininity to Eileen Magee.

I, ROSALIE FLECK, bequeath my athletic ability to Julie Ann Wentland.

I, LOIS FOUST, bequeath my bangs and long hair to Joyce Hancock.

I, WILLIAM FRANKO, bequeath my sense of humor to Calvin Prott.

I, GLBERT FRANZ, bequeath my legs to Jerry Wise.

I, MARY ELLEN GRIFFIN, bequeath the dimple in my chin to Mary Woodland.

- I, NORMA HARMS, bequeath my naturally curly hair to Betty Borman.
- I, RONALD HENRICHS, bequeath my colorful hair to Red Howerton.
- I, JOHN HOFFMEISTER, bequeath my "hot-headedness" to Virgil Kaiser.
- I, LEONA HOGAN, bequeath my "mind" to Patsy Foust.
- I, BETTY LOU HUELSTER, bequeath my uncluttered locker to Marjorie Hoepfner.
- I, CHARLES HUGUELEY, bequeath my length to the shortest player on next year's basketball team.
- I, DOROTHY JENKINS, bequeath my hair to Eileen Stofa.
- I, PAUL KLOTH, bequeath my tallness to Melvin Marshall.
- I, RICHARD KRAFT, bequeath my math ability to Howard Wojahn.
- I, JAMES KUNTZ, bequeath my Clark Gable scarf to Jack Lahaie.
- I, BOB LAUER, bequeath my mechanical ability to Richard Norman.
- I, JANET LINES, bequeath my different hair-styles to Pat Saager.
- I, SHIRLEY MacLAVERTY, bequeath my tall slenderness to Jayne Feiler.
- I, JOYCE NEINER, bequeath my place in the book store to Margaret Smith.
- I, GEORGE NEARING, bequeath my ability to sleep to the rising generation.
- I, MARGARET NILES, bequeath my small slenderness to Marilyn Danielson.
- I, ELLEN O'BRIEN, bequeath my angel-like fairness to Dot Chentnik and Lillian Armitage.
- I, SHIRLEY READY, bequeath my ability to study to the next Economics class.
- I, MARY REED, bequeath my shortness to Martha Jo Lester.
- I, STANLEY RIGBY, bequeath my bugling ability to Bob Kraft.
- I, FRED SCHILLING, bequeath my liveliness to the class of '47.
- I, LeWANNUS SCHWALL, bequeath my brown eyes to Jerry O'Brien.
- I, FRANCES SHIPLEY, bequeath my ability of never failing to get to school on time to Delores Nearing.
- I, FLORIE SMITH, bequeath my southern accent to Miss Knoche.
- I, AUDREY STOCKER, bequeath my seat by Johnny to Ruth Adler.

I, VIVIAN STOKES, bequeath my love and ability to Thelma Davis.
I, DELORES THOMAS, bequeath my smile to all the people who don't know now.
I, GARY THOMPSON, bequeath my story-telling ability to Joe Katrenics.
I, DONALD TONAGEL, bequeath my FORD to Robert McCay.
I, MIKE VEREB, bequeath my ability to get along in Economics class to my other
less fortunate friends.
I, MILDRED WEILER, bequeath my quietness to Esther Davis.
I, MAX WHITE, bequeath my science ability to Howard Wojahn.
I, SHIRLEY WITHAM, bequeath my red hair to Evelyn Piske.
I, LAURA YAROS, bequeath my dancing ability to Connie Reed.
I, JEAN MARIE YORK, bequeath my shiny nose to Marianna O'Brien.
I, JAMES McGOVERN, bequeath my ability to "Hubba-Hubba" to "You'll be sorry."

We hereby surrender the above mentioned diversified assets of the class of '46
and instruct their recipients to accept them without question or complaint.

SEALED:

Salome

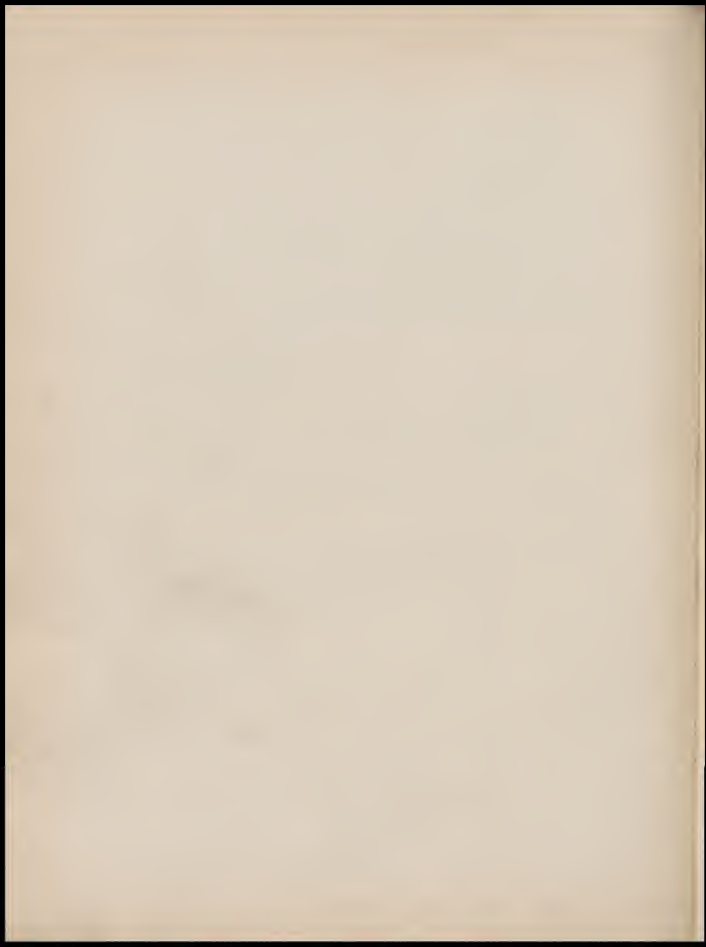
Madame Pompadour

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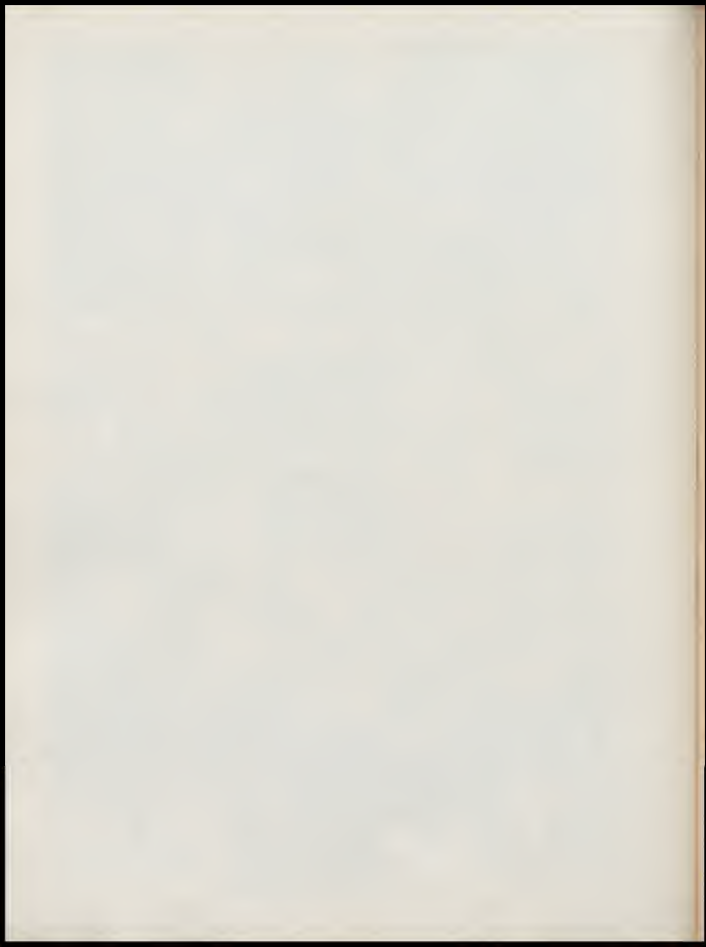
Shoo Fly Pie

Apple Pandowdy

Doctor, Lawyer, and Indian Chief







Junior History

The junior class was born under the Zodiacal sign of Virgo. According to the sign, the group was to be sober and mature in judgment. This was fulfilled as they elected for the freshman year, Fred Titley, king; Art Hollingshead as assistant to the king; Pat Foust as the scribe; Pat Yager as the purser; and Jack Frazure as reporter. The purse strings were given over to Sonia McNair when Pat Yager left for the moon. They were aggressive in challenging the whole school to a war bond drive. The project was very successful, for they came out way ahead. Their guiding stars were Miss Charlotte McClure and Mrs. Gladys Miller.

The good judgment stayed with them through their sophomore year. At this time the crown was given to Dale Crouch. Assisting the king was Karl Steinhaus; the scribe, Delores Chiado; with Jack Frazure taking care of the year's funds. He was relieved during the year by Leslie Bargfeldt. Their reporter was Mary Slingsby. The guiding stars were Mrs. Gladys Miller and Mr. Leo Luebbehusen.

Then came the junior year. Mars moved into the fifth house with the moon between Venus and Cancer. Some changes were made. Their guiding stars became Mr. Floyd McCutchan and Mr. Loren Carrier. Fred Titley once more acquired the crown, with Ed Benoit assisting. Anna Marie Strusa became the scribe, with Sonia McNair as the purser. Their reporter was Jack Woodland. During the year Ed Benoit took over the crown. Ray Franz was also chosen as the new purser. According to Virgo, they were to be very successful, which they were. Their play, "Cash and Carrie," and dance, "Tropical Cruise," were both great successes. Their year ended with the Junior-Senior Prom.

Juniors

FIRST ROW: Louise Alexander, Esther Davis, Delores Chiado, Martha Jo Lester, Jayne Smith.

SECOND ROW: Lottie Kleinsorge, Al Smith, Bob Harrigan, Reed Jacobus, Margaret Smith.

THIRD ROW: Bud Bullock, Eddie Yerga, Joe Katrenics, Bill Nolan, Nick Cochran.

FOURTH ROW: Bill Cummings, Virgil Kaiser, J. B. Rice, Jack Dick, Norbert Saager.

SEATED: LaVern Burkhart, vice-president; Eddie Benoit, president Anna Marie Strusa, secretary.

STANDING: Mr. Floyd McCutchan, Jack Woodland, reporter; Ray Franz, treasurer; and Mr. Loren Carrier.

FIRST ROW: Marge Stockwell, Evelyn Herr, Thelma Downs, Charlotte Peterson, Connie Reed, Eleanor Tiemann, R. Marie Coffman, Charlotte Gernenz, Shirley Smith.

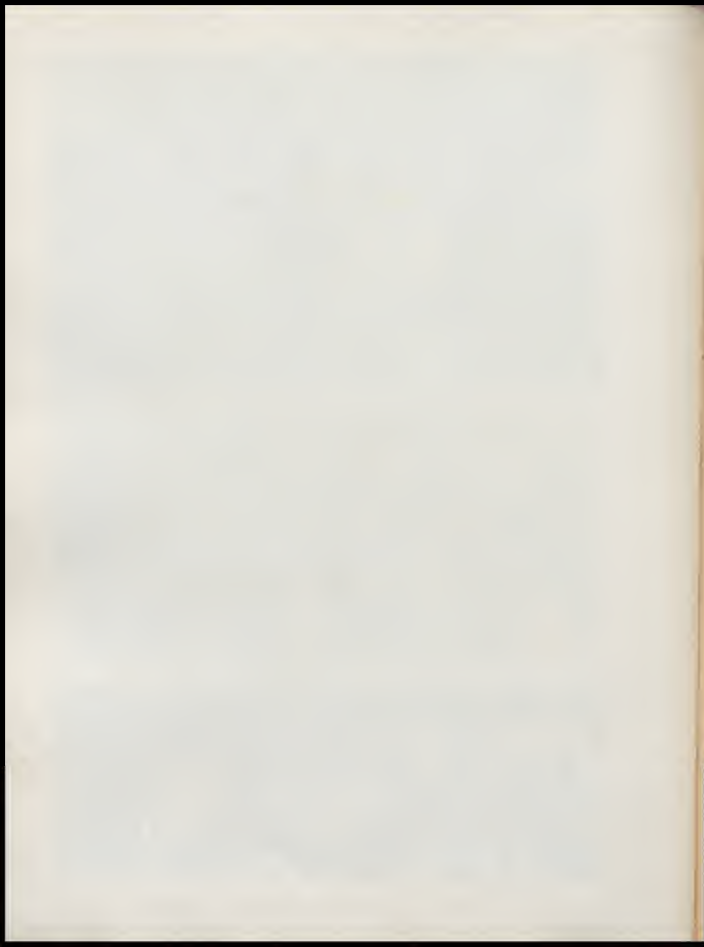
SECOND ROW: Lois Mitchell, Catherine McColley, Adele Homier, Londie Berger, Robbie Jones, Pricilla Newcomb, Georgianna Covaciu, Noreen Ready.

THIRD ROW: Peggy Jenkins, Patcy Foust, Patricia Saager, Lillian Armitage, Dorothy Chentnik, Alice Willy, Frances Popp, Lorraine Schissler, Antoinette Klassen, Esther Klassen.

FOURTH ROW: Wayne Johnson, Bob Wilkins, Fred Titley, Richard Norman, Ronald Hayes, Harold Hazlett, Rob'n Bulcher, Richard Adler, Arthur Hollingshead, Leslie Bargfeldt.

ABSENT: Edwin Christie, Al Goodman, Mary Quinsley, Kenny Griemann.





Sophomores

SEATED: Edwin Huelster, Carole Tonagel, Robert Thomas, Marlene Kros, Marjorie Hoeppner, Mr. Pruitt.

FIRST ROW: Eileen Stofa, Flora Mager, Patsy Spurr, Bonnie Price, Marilyn Wood, Henrietta Fleck, Shirley Greiner, Dorla Herbst, June Bowers, Jean Serles.

SECOND ROW: Geraldine Kellmann, Norma Carpenter, Betty Wesley, Julie Ann Wentland, Ann Lou Horn, Ruth Fry, Ruth Bodamer, Ila Mae Kimble, Betty Lou Borman, Ruth Yarnell, Patty Mitchell, Mary Ellen Korpita.

THIRD ROW: Joe Pollock, Arlen Mohler, Bob Cummings, Douglas Weitbrock, Roy Merrill, Jack Griffin, Jack Purcell, Robert Springer, Tom Mital, David Howerton, Robert Appleton, Ed Vereb.

FOURTH ROW: Esther Peterson, Betty Slingsby, Joyce Mandly, Alice Lanham, Eileen McGee, Jeanne Davies, Dorothy Magnuson, Bernice Herr, Wilma Egbert, Inga Steinhaus, Tresa Eich, Josephine Halfman.

FIFTH ROW: Marguerite Burris, Ruth Wininger, Barbara Williamson, Ida McDonald, Joyce Anderson, Evelyn Piske, Barbara Popp, Virginia Ferrell, Marianna O'Brien, Norma Barber, Yvonne Davis, Florence Homeier.

SIXTH ROW: Lawrence Grundler, Howard Wojahn, Richard Spiroff, James Monninger, Jack Lahaie, Charles Thompson, Paul Bennington, Robert Sullivan, John Johnson, Chester Maihofer, Robert Stoltz, Bill Purcell, Lester Luebcke.

ABSENT: George Brewer, Barbara DeFoor

It is hereby predicted that these sophomores, the class of '48, shall prosper along the path of the Milky Way under the guidance of their future leaders and will be a valuable asset to M. H. S.

Freshmen

SEATED: Mr. Browning, Michael Senko, Robert Reichanadter, Robert Kraft, Diego Perez, Joyce Neff, Mrs. Irene Collins.

FIRST ROWS Yvonne Miller, Joyce Hancock, Elizabeth Eurit, Max Leffert, Andrew Mital, Charles Wingas, Howard Weiler, Robert Wilson, Samuel Reed, Shirley Powell, Beatrice DeFoor, Patricia Blaze.

SECOND ROW: Bonnie Sullivan, Clarice Cook, Caroline Hockett, Beverly Davis, Donna Lou Henrichs, Elaine Johnson, Mary Woodland, Norma Davis, Margaret Jacobus, Betty Henderson, Charlotte Gray, Barbara Weidman, Bertha Yaros.

THIRD ROW: Virginia Baldner, Bernice Novak, Lillian Burris, Caroline Erwin, Dorothy Moreland, Donna Williamson, Katherine Halfman, Ruth Adler, Dorothy McGovern, Marilyn Neiner, Wanda Woodland, Patricia Knoop, Phyllis Knoop.

FOURTH ROW: Phyllis Borman, Judy Gadness, Carolyn Lenon, Reva June Fellows, Shirley Clark, Joan McDonald, Nancy Hatten, Roleen Clark, Delores Nearing, Marilyn Danielson, Corinne MacLaverty, Virginia Franko, Judy Greek.

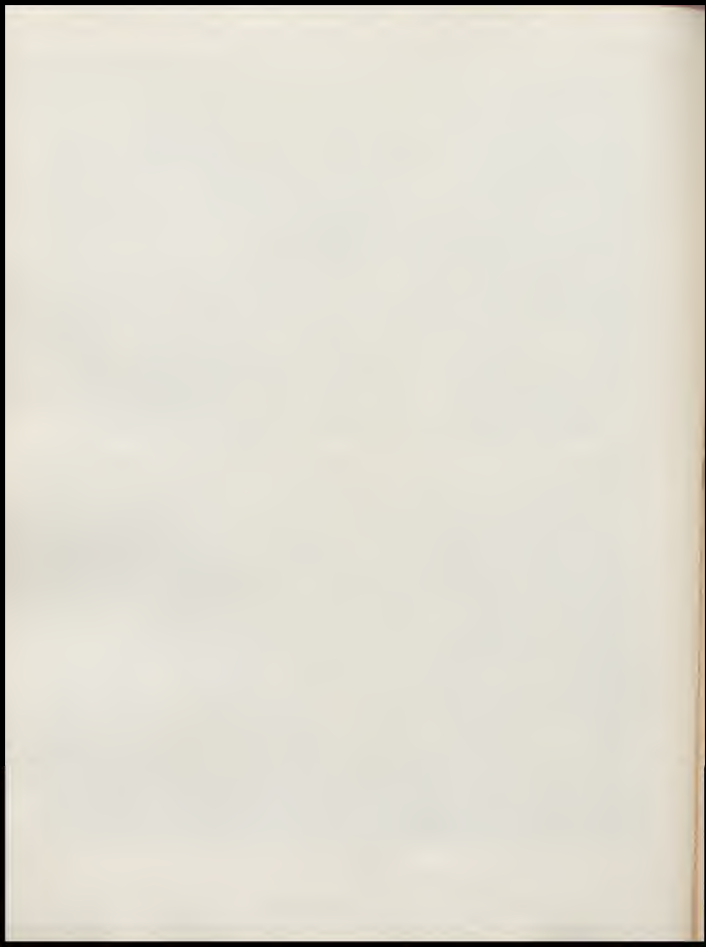
FIRST ROW: Lonza Schwall, Harold Roy, Ralph Wood, Berdette Homier, Albert Borman, Jim Junkneovich, Donald Johnson, Calvin Prott, Bert Bush, Melvin Marshall, Jack Wall, Ray Clements, Charles Harding.

SIXTH ROW: Jason Merrill, Eugene Bargfeldt, Donald Conner, John Shuttleworth, Gerald Wise, Ray Giacomini, Henry Mikulich, David Johnston, Ova Bryant, Jerry O'Brien, Vernon Wichman, Robert McCay, Forrest Welches.

ABSENT: Angeline Rotajec

It is hereby predicted that these up and coming freshmen, class of '49, will ably follow the Sophomores along the path of the Milky Way and go down in the records of M. H. S. to be remembered forever.





MILKY WAY

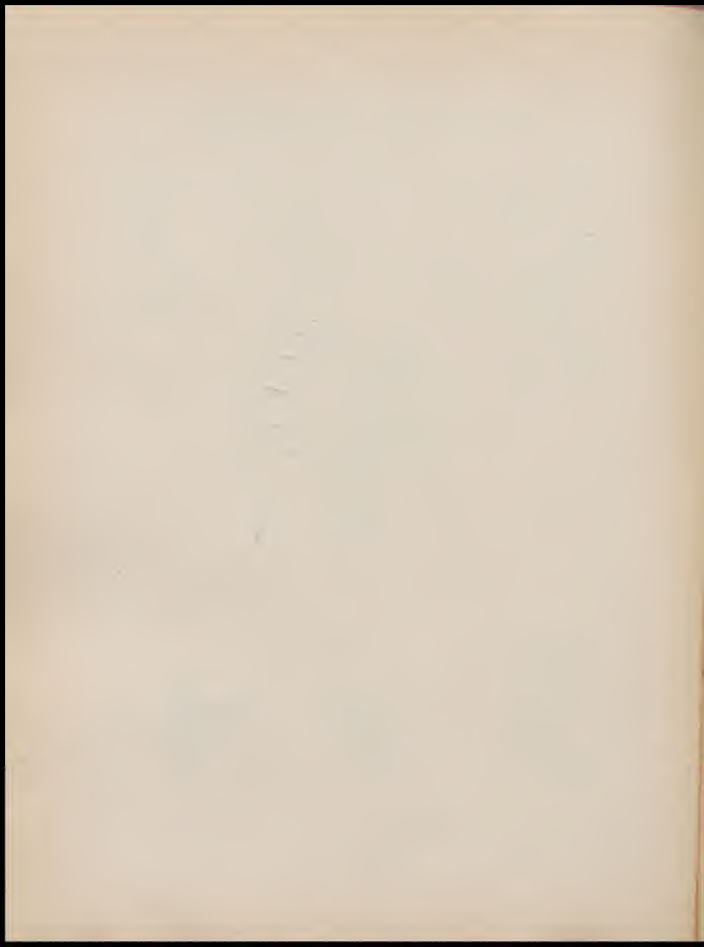
Calendar 1945 & 1946

September	7	School begins!
	18	SSS Get-Acquainted Party
	21	Freshman Initiation
	26	SSS Initiation
		State Poet Laureate, E. A. Richardson, Speaks.
	28	Tri Ep Get-Acquainted Party
October	2	Movie, "As You Like It"
	3	GAA Initiation
	10	Tri Ep Initiation
	12	Seniors have pictures taken
	13	Sunshine Convention
	19	Senior Dance, "Treasure Chest"
November	2	Sophomore Dance
	9	Edison of Gary game—here. Dance by juniors
	16	Crown Point game—here. Dance by SSS.
	21	Junior Play, "Cash and Carrie"
		Dr. Davis of Purdue talks to students.
	22	Thanksgiving
	28	Chesterton game—there
	30	Griffith game—there
December	3	Chorus sings at Central Christian Church
	5	Roosevelt game—here. Dance by seniors
	7	East Gary game—there
	11	Seniors go to East Chicago for clinic on state government; interview Governor.
	12	Methodist Church play, "Her Step Husband"
	13	Mr. Cover, referee, addresses students.
		Captain A. M. Halvorsen, Army Chaplain, appears before the student body.
	14	Seniors receive their pictures! OH! BOY
		Portage game—there
	17	Movie, "Jesus of Nazareth"
	18	Sunshine Society goes caroling.
		Goodfellow chorus sings here.
	19	Christmas program.
	22	CHRISTMAS VACATION BEGINS!
28 &	29	Holiday Tournament at Crown Point
January	7	Back to school again!!
	9	Wirt game—there

	11	Edison game—there
	12	Junior High Tourney
	15	Hobart game—here
	18	"Five down and four to go"—end of semester Dyer game—here. Dance by seniors
	22	Lowell game—here Student Council meeting and chile supper
	25	Crown Point game—there
	31	Hi-Y Initiation
February	1	Hebron game—here. Dance by seniors
	4	Annual staff goes to Momence
	6	East Gary game—here. Dance by juniors
	8	Economics class attends court trial and visits County Jail at Crown Point. Wheeler game—here
	10	Movie, "Abe Lincoln in Illinois"
	13	Lowell game—there. What a night !!!
	15	Wirt game—here. Dance by sophomores.
	16	Seniors' Valentine Dance
	18	Council meeting at Hammond High
	21	Crown Point entertains at MHS with band program. Our last pep session.
	21-23	Sectionals at Hammond Civic Center.
	26	Seniors' Skating Party.
March	3	Seniors are measured for caps and gowns.
	8	Merrillville entertains at Crown Point.
	9	Student Council sponsors bake sale.
	13	Movie, "Swing that Cheer."
	14	Freshman Party
	15	St. Patrick's Day Dance.
	22	PTA Carnival.
	29	Co-ed Calamity Dance
April	2	Senior's Skating Party
	6	State SSS Convention Girls' Conference at Froebel
	12	Junior Dance, "Tropical Cruise"
	19	Good Friday
	26	GAA Sadie Hawkins' Dance.
May	3	Junior-Senior Prom
	17	Seniors' last day of school. Yeaaaaaaaaa!!!
	19	Baccalaureate
	23	Commencement
	24	Last day of the 1945-46 school year.

ACTIVITY DIVISION





NORTH STAR

Student Council

On each Wednesday of the past school year, the president of the student body, the four class presidents, club presidents, and editors met with the faculty representative, Mr. Claude V. York, to discuss the activities and social problems of the school.

In May of 1945 the student body elected Robert Lauer as its president. The remaining council officers, vice-president, Betty Lou Huelster, secretary, Donna Marie Blade, and treasurer, Richard Kraft, were elected by the members at the first meeting.

Most of the effort of the year 1945-46 was spent toward attaining the goal of the year, a new stage curtain. To achieve funds for this purpose various activities were sponsored by the student council. A community-wide bake sale was held on March 9. On March 15 a St. Patrick's Day Dance was given to bring a bit of fun for young and old. Day and evening movies were presented and also an athletic exhibition for the public. In addition to the money raising projects there was an exchange of activity programs with Crown Point High School.

LITTLE DIPPER

Mirror Staff

The 1945-46 staff of the Mirror, the semi-monthly publication of Merrillville High School, with the capable guidance of the sponsor, Miss Helen Knoche, used its earnest efforts to present to the student body and interested friends a school paper worthy of their esteem.

Copies of the paper were sent to former students now in service and were exchanged with surrounding schools.

THE CROWN

Prom

On the night of May 3 the moon shone over the Marquette Pavilion where the prom, sponsored by the Junior class, was being held. The theme was "Moonlight Mood" and the music was furnished by Jerry Malting and his band.

NORTH STAR

Student Council

SEATED AROUND TABLE: Frances Kazimer, Eddy Benoit, Frances Shipley, Betty Lou Huelster, Donna Marie Blaze, Bob Lauer, Mr. York, Richard Kraft, Marilyn Erickson, Barbara Conner.

SEATED IN BACKGROUND: Norbert Saager, Bob Kraft, Jim Ayers, and Bob Thomas.

LITTLE DIPPER

Mirror Staff

FIRST ROW: Margaret Niles, Laura Yaros, Dora Mae Davis, Gary Thompson, Betty Lou Huelster, Frances Shipley, Mary Ellen Griffin, Miss Knoche, Jean Marie York, Leona Hogan, Lois Foust, Marilyn Erickson.

SECOND ROW: Mildred Weiler, Delores Thomas, Margaret Engstrom, Evelyn Doepping, LaVerne Lennertz, Charlotte Drossos, Barbara Conner, Jean Fisher, Dorothy Jenkins, John Hoffmeister, Norma Harms, Frances Kazimer, Dorothy Borman, Shirley Ready, Donna Marie Blaze.

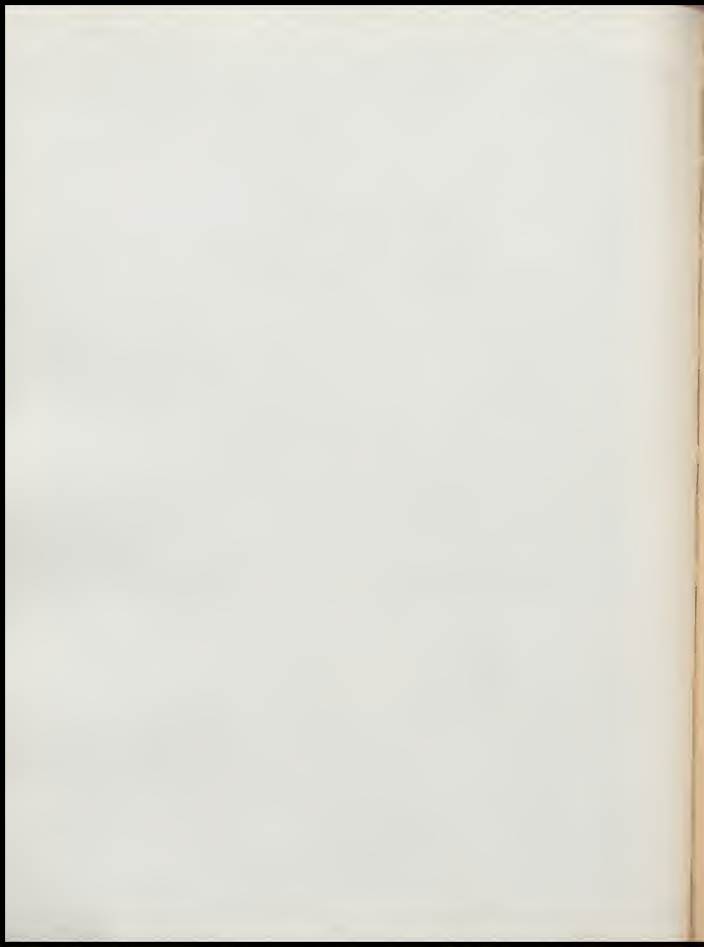
THIRD ROW: Janet Lines, Don Tonagel, Fred Schilling, Tom Trusha, Paul Kloth, Rosalie Fleck, Shirley Davids, LeWannus Schwall, Jim McGovern, Richard Kraft, Bill Franko, Audrey Stocker.

THE CROWN

Prom

LaVern Burkhardt, Peggy Jenkins, Eddy Benoit, Pat Foust, Jack Woodland, Londie Berger, J. B. Rice, Anna Marie Strussa.





SEVEN SISTERS

Sunshine Society

During the year 1945-1946 the girls of the Merrillville chapter of the Sunshine Society completed many worth-while projects.

A Get-Acquainted Party and the formal initiation were held at the beginning of the school year. Ideal Ladies and Sunshine Pals were chosen by each girl in the club. The girls also entertained their mothers at a Mother and Daughter Tea.

The Merrillville Sunshine Society played host this year at the annual Sunshine Convention on October 13, 1945 at which the chapters in District V were entertained.

The officers for the year were: Francis Kazimer, president; Lois Mitchell, vice-president; Betty Lou Huelster, secretary; Carole Tonagel, treasurer; Eleanor Tiemann, reporter; and Mrs. Dorothy Carlton, sponsor.

ORION

F. F. A.

The Future Farmers of America is an organization which has grown considerably in the past year, under the able guidance of Mr. Loren Carrier. Its works have been varied and widely distributed. The organization has also won many trophies during the year for its different displays of talent and workmanship.

SEVEN SISTERS

S. S. S.

FIRST ROW: Eleanor Tieman, Carole Tonagel, Betty Lou Huelster, Frances Kazimer, Lois Mitchell, Jean Marie York, Mrs. Carlton.

SECOND ROW: Mary Ellen Griffin, Barbara Conner, Dorothy Borman, Delores Thomas, Donna Marie Blaze, Margaret Niles, Laura Yaros.

THIRD ROW: Marilyn Erickson, LaVerne Lennertz, Evelyn Doepping, Janet Lines, Margaret Engstrom, Norma Harms, Lois Foust, Leona Hogan.

FOURTH ROW: Shirley Ready, Mary Jane Miller, Frances Shipley, Audrey Stocker, Mary Reed, LeWannus Schwall, Rosalie Fleck, Shirley Davids, Joan Johnson.

FIRST ROW: Martha Jo Lester, June Bowers, Pat Blaze, Ruth Yarnell, Betty Wesley, Julie Ann Wentland, Betty Lou Borman, Donna Lou Henrichs.

SECOND ROW: Marjorie Hoepfner, Rose Marie Coffman, Georgiana Covaciu, Joyce Mandly, Patricia Knoop, Adele Homeier, Noreen Ready, Charlotte Gernenz.

THIRD ROW: Dorothy Magnuson, Delores Nearing, Roleen Clark, Esther Klassen, Marianna O'Brien, Shirley Clark, Phyllis Knoop, Alice Lanham.

FOURTH ROW: Barbara Williamson, Ida McDonald, Joyce Anderson, Antionette Klassen, Pat Foust, Evelyn Piske, Barbara Mae Popp, Marlene Kros, Florence Homeier.

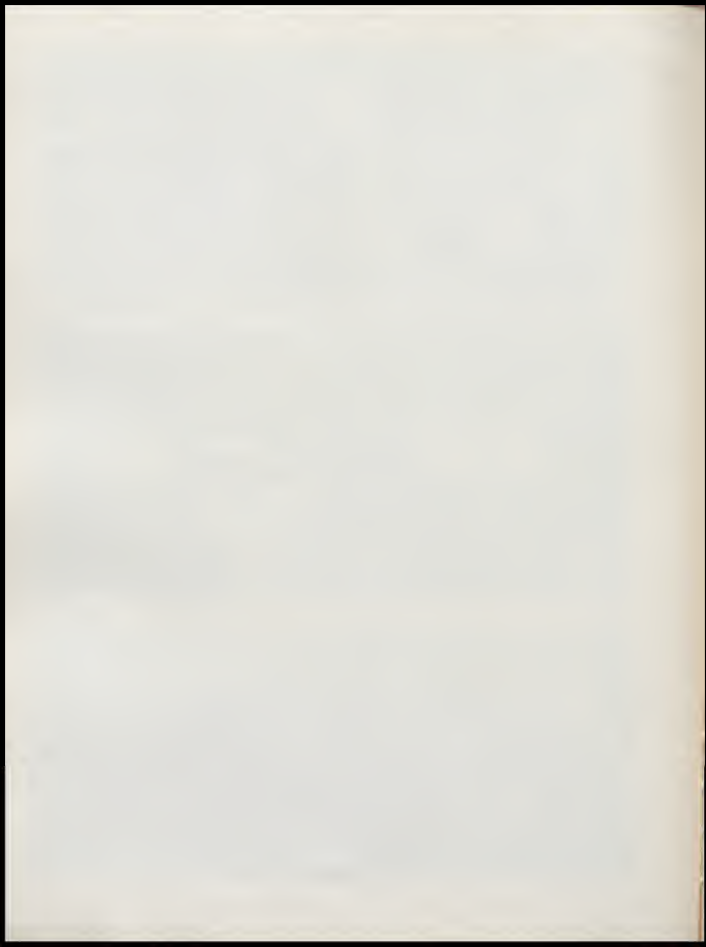
ORION

F. F. A.

SEATED: Bob Cummings, Lester Luebecke, Norbert Saager, Lawrence Grundler, Jack Dick, Mr. Carrier.

STANDING: Gilbert Franz, Tom Mital, Al Smith, Bill Cummings, Virgil Kaiser, Burdette Homeier, Andrew Mital.





ANDROMEDA

G. A. A.

The Girls' Athletic Association is a national organization for all girls who are interested in participation in sports.

This year the Merrillville G. A. A. prospered under the sponsorship of Mrs. Leah Lester and the able leadership of Barbara Conner. Her associates were Pat Foust, vice-president; Dorothy Borman, secretary; Delores Thomas, treasurer; and Margaret Niles, reporter.

On October 3, 1945, the following girls were initiated: Virginia Baldner, Patricia Blaze, Lillian Burris, Marilyn Danielson, Beverly Davis, Norma Davis, Beatrice DeFoor, Judy Gadness, Joyce Hancock, Betty Henderson, Carolyne Lenon, Corinne MacLverty, Dorothy McGovern, Delores Nearing, Joyce Neff, Marilyn Neiner, Bernice Novak, Shirley Powell, Barbara Weidman, Bertha Yaros, and Connie Reed. Following the initiation, the girls were entertained on a hay ride.

Ping pong, dancing, baseball, bowling, hiking, basketball, swimming, skating, and volleyball managers took care of their respective sports during the entire school year.

Pins were received by the girls who earned the required number of points. The following senior girls received letters and numerals: Dorthy Borman, Barbara Conner, Shirley Davids, Dora Mae Davis, Charlotte Drossos, Marilyn Erickson, Rosalie Fleck, Leona Hogan, Margaret Niles, LeWannus Schwall, Frances Shipley, Vivian Stokes, Delores Thomas, Laura Yaros, Jean Marie York.

ANDROMEDA

G. A. A.

FIRST ROW: Mrs. Lester, Leona Hogan, Laura Yaros, Marilyn Erickson, Barbara Conner, Rosalie Fleck, Mary Jane Miller, Betty Lou Borman, Donna Marie Blaze.

SECOND ROW: Peggy Jenkins, Martha Jo Lester, Esther Dvais, Connie Reed, LeWannus Schwall, Margaret Niles, Dorothy Borman, Delores Thomas, Pat Foust, Lillian Armitage, Shirley Davids.

THIRD ROW: Alice Willy, Anna Marie Strussa, Evelyn Herr, Pricilla Newcomb, Georgianna Covaciu, Noreen Ready, Dorothy Claus, Dora Mae Davis, Charlotte Drossos, Dorothy Chentnik, Audrey Stocker.

FOURTH ROW: Robbie Jones, Delores Chiado, Marge Stockwell, Lois Foust, Jean Marie York, LaVerne Lennertz, Mary Ellen Griffin, Frances Shipley, Shirley Ready, Jayne Smith, Lottie Kleinsorge, Margaret Smith.

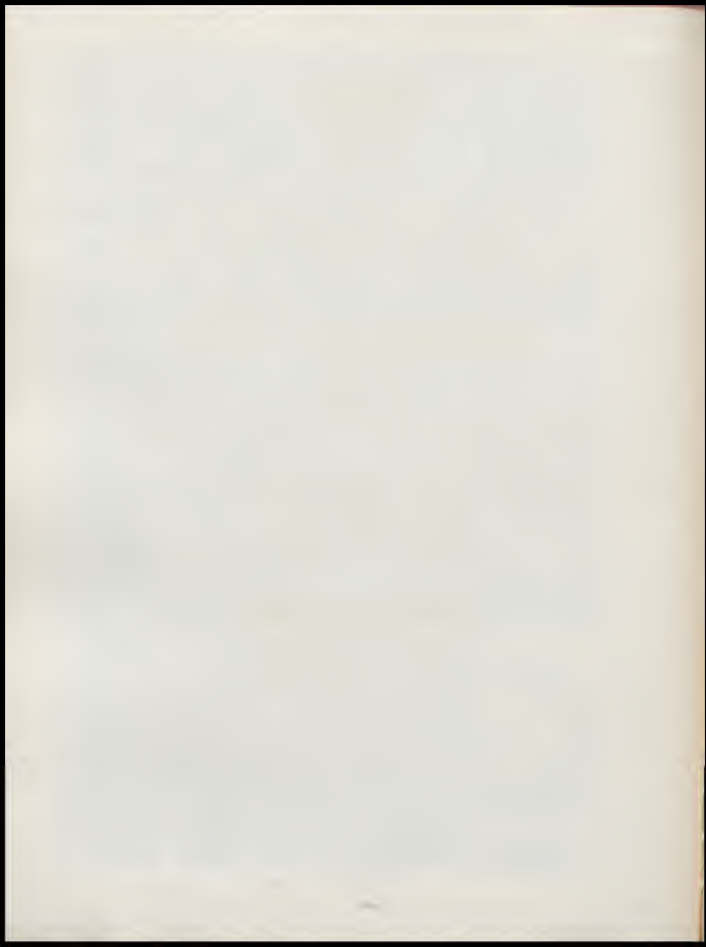
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SECOND ROW: Anne Lou Horn, Marjorie Hoeppner, Joyce Neff, Marilyn Neiner, Beatrice DeFoor, Marianna O'Brien, Shirley Powell, Barbara Weidman, Bernice Novak, Pat Blize, Marilyn Danielson, Beverly Davis.

THIRD ROW: Lillian Burris, Elaine Johnson, Ilamae Kimble, Josephine Halfman, Jeanne Davies, Tresa Ann Eich, Virginia Baldner, Joyce Hancock, Henrietta Fleck, Carolyne Lenon, Corinne MacLaverty, Carolyn Hockett, Betty Henderson.

FOURTH ROW: Bertha Yaros, Ruth Winninger, Ida McDonald, Joyce Anderson, Bernice Herr, Norma Carpenter, Wilma Egbert, Betty Slingsby, Inga Steinhaus, Eileen Magee.





PERSEUS

Hi - Y

The Hi-Y officers for 1945-46 were Jim Ayers, president; Stanley Rigby, vice-president; Gary Thompson, secretary; Richard Kraft, treasurer; Donald Tonagel, sargent-at-arms; Robert Lauer, chaplain.

In January fifteen new members were initiated to bring the membership to twenty-three. Mr. Robert Browning was the sponsor. The treasury was increased by selling popcorn and ice cream at basketball games. A play "High Brown Breach of Promise," was presented at the P. T. A. Carnival by the Hi-Y.

CASSIOPEIA, Queen of Ethiopia

Tri Ep

The Tri Epsilon club is composed of junior and senior girls who have majored in home economics. The club motto is "Excelsior," and the colors are blue and white.

The special events of the year were a get-acquainted party, a formal initiation, Christmas party, mother and daughter tea, style show, and senior banquet.

The sponsors were Miss Margaret Brennan, and Mrs. Sally Harper. The officers were: Betty Lou Huelster, president; Frances Kazimer, vice-president; Margaret Niles, secretary; Lois Foust, corresponding secretary; Shirley MacLaverty, treasurer; and Joyce Neiner, reporter.

NORTHERN CROSS

Junior Red Cross

The 1945-46 officers were: Donna Marie Blaze, president; Bob Lauer, vice-president; Pat Foust, secretary; Ed Yerga, treasurer; and Mrs. Leah Lester, sponsor.

The various work activities were making of stocking dolls, holiday favors, scrap books, joke books, and collecting old clothes for the National Drive. The one social event was a "Co-ed Calamity" dance.

PERSEUS

Hi - Y

SEATED: Don Tonagel, Fred Schilling, Bob Lauer, Stanley Rigby, Jim Ayers, Gary Thompson, Richard Kraft, Mr. Browning.

STANDING: Eddie Benoit, Ronald Henrichs, Jack Woodland, Norbert Saager, Ronald Hayes, Wayne Johnson, Paul Kloth, Eddie Yerga, J. B. Rice, LaVern Burkhart, Bob Wilkins, Gilbert Franz, Richard Adler, Nick Cochran, Mike Vereb, Bill Franko, John Hoffmeister.

CASSIOPEIA, Queen of Ethiopia Tri Ep

SEATED: Mrs. Harper, Joyce Neiner, Shirley MacLavery, Frances Kazimer, Betty Lou Huelster, Lois Foust, Margraaret Niles, Miss Brennan

STANDING: Ellen O'Brien, Laura Yaros, Pat Saager, Louise Alexander, Evelyn Doepping, Delores Thomas, Jean Marie York, Donna Marie Blaze, Shirley Ready, Shirley Smith, Norma Harms, Marilyn Erickson, Janet Lines, Esther Davis, Marge Stockwell, Rose Marie Coffman.

NORTHERN CROSS Junior Red Cross

SEATED: Eddie Yerga Donna Blaze, Bob Lauer, Patsy Foust, Mrs. Lester.

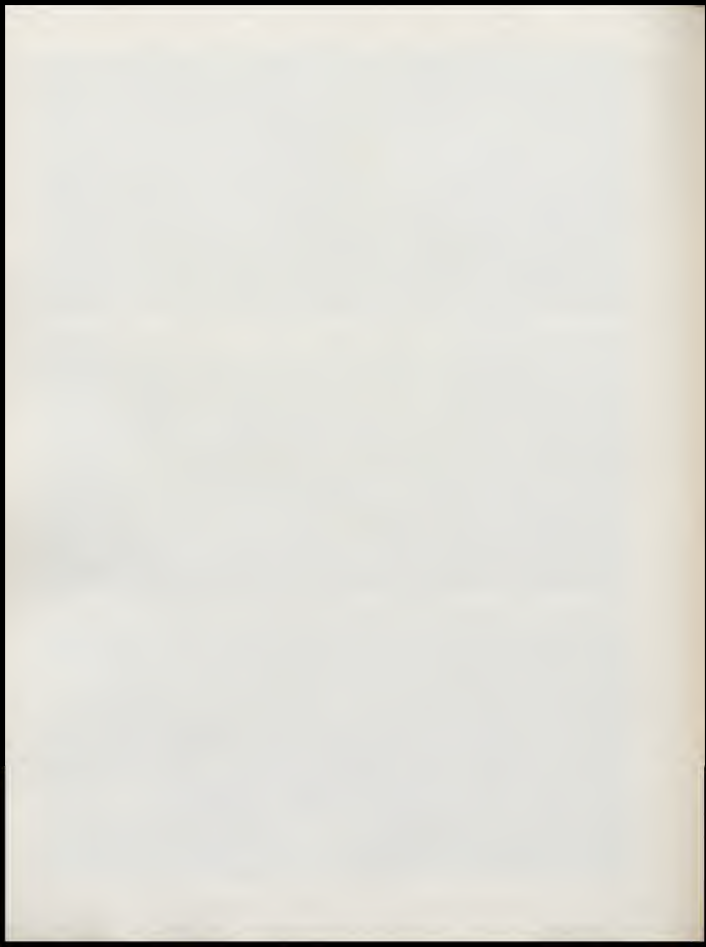
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SECOND ROW: Betty Wesley, Joyce Hancock, Donna Henrichs, Marilyn Erickson, Dorothy Borman, Norma Harms, Ruth Yarnell, Mary Ellen Griffin, Beatrice DeFoor, Patricia Blaze.

THIRD ROW: LaVerne Lennertz, Evelyn Doepping, Margaret Engstromstrom, Barbara Popp, Inga Steinhaus, Judy Gadness, Betty Slingsby, Janet Lines, Dorothy Magnuson, Patty Mitchell.

FOURTH ROW: Jean Marie York, Audrey Stocker, John Hoffmeister, David Howerton, Bob Thomas, Chester Maihofer, Howard Wojahn, LeWannus Schwall, Frances Shipley, Shirley Ready.





LYRA

Music

Our school has had an unbelievable amount of talent, which was quite evident by the number of students enrolled in the band and chorus. Both groups were under the direction of Mr. Hilmer E. Jacobson, whose personality and superb musicianship added to the interest of the course and the success of performance.

Chorus: With an enrollment of approximately fifty students, the chorus of 1945-46 consider the year very profitable. They appeared in many programs in Gary, Crown Point and Hobart with a repertoire of modern tone poems, religious and novelty numbers. They were entered in the state music contest at Valparaiso.

Band: The Band Boosters of this year indeed boosted the morale of both band members and students. They sponsored a "Tag Day" to raise funds to finance the buying of uniforms for the band. The band first displayed these uniforms in their joint concert with the chorus.

LYRA

Chorus

FIRST ROW: Mr. Jacobson, Margaret Smith, Marilyn Wood, Martha Jo Lester, Laura Yaros, Norma Carpenter, Donna Marie Blaze, Margaret Niles, Dorothy Chentnik, Jayne Smith

SECOND ROW: Shirley MacLavery, Lillian Burris, Esther Peterson, Betty Slingsby, Charlotte Gernenz, Carolyn Hockett, Ellen O'Brien, Bertha Yaros, Lillian Armitage, Evelyn Herr

THIRD ROW: Lottie Kleinsorge, Joyce Mandly, Londie Berger, LaVerne Lennertz, Alice Lanham, Inga Steinhaus, Dorothy Magnuson, Joan Johnson, Beverly Davis, Pat Foust, Elaine Johnson

FOURTH ROW: Jean Marie York, Yvonne Davis, Ruth Wininger, Eileen Magee, Evelyn Piske, Carole Tonagel, Marilyn Danielson, Virginia Ferrell, Bernice Herr, Wilma Egbert, Noreen Ready

FIFTH ROW: Jack Lahaie, Jerry O'Brien, Chester Maihofer, LaVern Burkhardt, Stanley Rigby, Jack Woodland, Wayne Johnson, Fred Titley, John Johnson, Bob Harrigan

Band

FIRST ROW: Mr. Jacobson, Calvin Prott, Robert McCay, John Johnson, Robert Lauer, Phyllis Knoop, Richard Newman

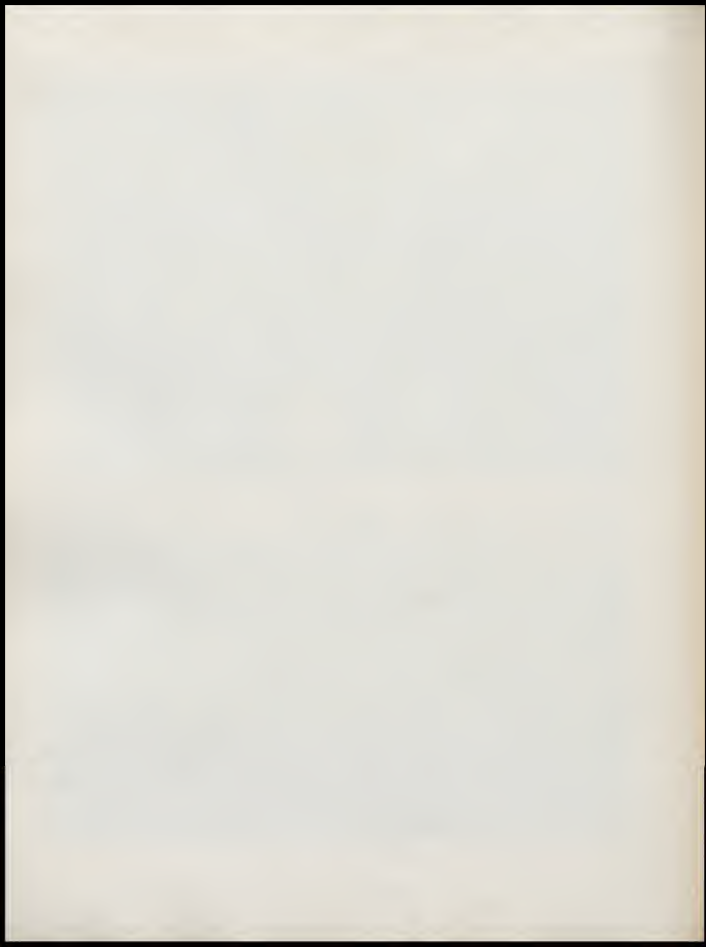
SECOND ROW: Betty Forester, Albert Lockwood, Patricia Knoop, Richard Spiroff, Dorothy Magnuson, John Snyder, Patty Shearer

THIRD ROW: Jimmy Spurr, Joe Pollock, LaVern Burkhardt, Wayne Johnson, Darrel Lauer, Tom Hoffmeister, Fred Smith

FOURTH ROW: Patty Mitchell, Mike Senko, Joe Titley, Ralph White, Bob Harrigan, Lois Mitchell, Danny Molchan

FIFTH ROW: Jean Marie York, Stanley Rigby, Henry Mikulich, Fred Titley, Arthur Hollingshead, Nolan Temple





HERCULES

Sports

Merrillville's baseball team had one of its better seasons this year. We lost our chance to represent Lake County in the Lake-Porter Conference by losing our final game of the season to Dyer.

Our team started out the season by playing Dyer. This was a practice game and ended in a 2 to 2 tie. The other games turned out as follows:

Merrillville	2	Hebron	3
Merrillville	11	East Gary	5
Merrillville	8	Boone Grove	3
Merrillville	13	Wheeler	0
Merrillville	2	East Gary	0
Merrillville	3	Dyer	1

We hope they will have as successful a season as they did in the fall. Some games with the larger Gary schools have been scheduled.

The track season had not yet started when this annual went to press. However, some of the "stars" from last year's team are back; so a rather good season is expected.

The sports season of '45-46 in Merrillville High School has been very successful in both fall baseball and basketball.

The basketball team which had eight seniors who will leave this year, had a good record of 14 wins and 8 losses. Two of our losses were at the hands of Gary Edison. Other losses were issues from Wirt, Griffith, Portage, Crown Point; Lowell in the Crown Point tournament; and Hammond Tech in the state sectionals. During the season Merrillville acquired double wins from Crown Point, Hobart, Lowell, and East Gary. Single wins were from Chesterton, Hebron, Wheeler, Wirt, Roosevelt, and Dyer.

While you're reminiscing, Remember when?

- . . . We lost our first game to Edison by one point?
- . . . Our Pirates beat Crown Point in an overtime?
- . . . We journeyed to Chesterton and won 46 to 27?
- . . . We lost number two to Griffith, 34 to 22?
- . . . Collins was high point man with 12 points in our win over Roosevelt, 37 to 33?
- . . . Schilling led our scoring column with 15 points in the East Gary game?
- . . . Our Pirates lost to Portage with Purcell as our leading scorer?
- . . . We beat Hobart in the first game of the Holiday Tourney?
- . . . We lost the second game of the tournament to Lowell with Collins playing his best game?
- . . . Our Pirates beat Wirt on their floor, 41 to 39?
- . . . Edison handed another setback to the Pirates?
- . . . We won number two from Hobart with Johnson taking Kloth's place?
- . . . McGovern played his first game after returning from the Merchant Marines and we beat Dyer?
- . . . Schilling and McGovern lead our scoring as we took revenge on Lowell for the tournament?
- . . . Our Pirates lost to Crown Point in an overtime on their floor?
- . . . We beat Hebron with every player on our team making at least one point?
- . . . Schilling scored 25 points as we submerged East Gary?
- . . . We beat Wheeler with Schilling hitting for 29 points?
- . . . Our Pirates skidded to Lowell and inched home with a victory to sleep in the gym over night?
- . . . Wirt got revenge on us by handing us our seventh defeat?
- . . . We trounced Crown Point in the first game of the sectionals?
- . . . Hammond Tech handed us our eighth and final defeat as they eliminated us from the sectionals?



Ronnie



Whitty



Tom



Jerry



Coach



Joe



Jim



Don



Fritz



Bill



J.B.



Mac



Varsity

Edison	27	Merrillville	26
Merrillville	35	Crown Point	29
Merrillville	46	Chesterton	27
Griffith	34	Merrillville	22
Merrillville	37	Roosevelt	33
Merrillville	46	East Gary	31
Portage	28	Merrillville	23
Merrillville	41	Wirt	39
Edison	69	Merrillville	32
Merrillville	54	Hobart	44
Merrillville	47	Dyer	32
Merrillville	47	Lowell	32
Crown Point	40	Merrillville	38
Merrillville	61	Hebron	25
Merrillville	62	East Gary	35
Merrillville	76	Wheeler	38
Merrillville	58	Lowell	39
Wirt	56	Merrillville	25

Reserves

Edison	23	Merrillville	19
Merrillville	30	Crown Point	18
Merrillville	43	Chesterton	21
Griffith	22	Merrillville	21
Merrillville	26	Roosevelt	22
East Gary	30	Merrillville	26
Merrillville	17	Portage	16
Edison	25	Merrillville	24
Merrillville	27	Wirt	25
Hobart	26	Merrillville	20
Merrillville	30	Dyer	10
Merrillville	25	Lowell	12
Merrillville	31	Crown Point	25
Merrillville	27	Hebron	13
Merrillville	30	East Gary	9
Merrillville	23	Lowell	10
Merrillville	37	Wheeler	11
Merrillville	27	Wirt	22

Holiday Tournament

Merrillville	41	Hobart	39
Lowell	38	Merrillville	34

Sectionals

Merrillville	51	Crown Point	28
Hammond Tech	56	Merrillville	24

Varsity

FIRST ROW: Coach Engelhart, J. B. Rice, Fred Schilling, Jim McGovern, Paul Kloth, Bill Purcell, Jerry Collins.

SECOND ROW: LaVern Burkhart, Tom Trusha, Jim Ayers, Ronald Hayes, Don Tonagel, Ronald Henrichs, Joe Katrenics, Manager.

Cheerleaders

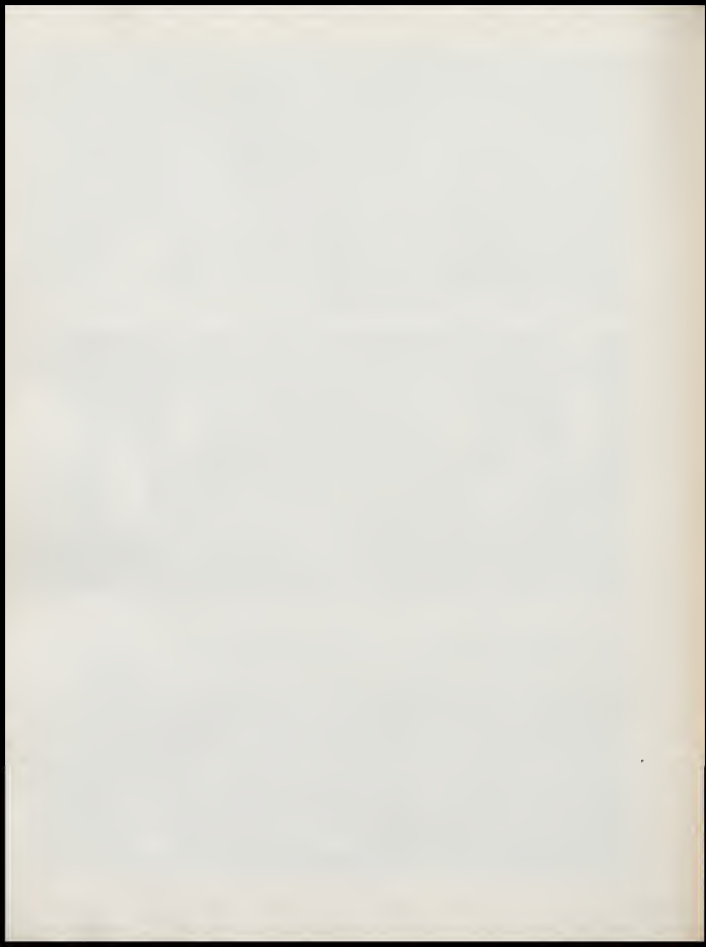
Barbara Conner, Eddie Benoit, Dorothy Borman

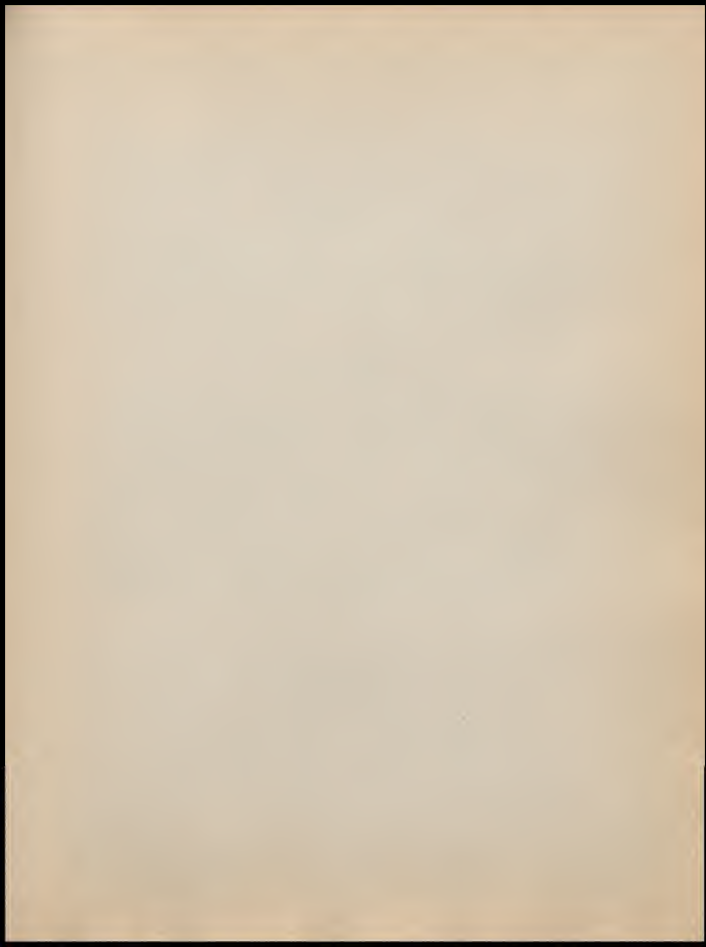
Reserves

FIRST ROW: Melvin Marshall, Arlen Mohler, Bob Kraft, David Johnston, Bob Thomas, Jack Purcell.

SECOND ROW: Jack Wall, David Howerton, Bob Reichonadter, Chester Mainhofer, Jason Merrill, James Monninger, Burdette Homeier, Coach Englehart.







Track

STANDING: Stanley Rigby, David Johnston, Howard Wojahn, Diego Perez, Bill Purcell, Jim Juknevich, Jack Griffin, Jack Woodland, Chester Maihofer, Tom Trusha, David Howerton, Bill Nolen, Ed Benoit, Nick Cochran, Bud Bullock, Coach Englehart.

KNEELING: Joe Katrenics, Ronnie Henrichs, Jerry Collins, Fred Schilling, Jim Ayers, Bob Wilkins, Richard Adler, Fred Titley.

Baseball

STANDING: Coach Englehart, Joe Katrenics, Bob Wilkins, Bill Purcell, J. B. Rice, Jim Ayers, Jerry Collins, Fred Schilling.

KNEELING: Fred Titley, Art Hollingshead, Jack Wodland, Richard Adler, Ronnie Henrichs, Tom Trusha.

Jr. High

STANDING: Bill Riddle, Francis Merrill, Dean Leake, Ed Jenkins, Don Butcher.

KNEELING: Richard Masher, Robert Feiler, Danny Molchan, Bill Kimble, Eldon Powell, Roy Tanis.

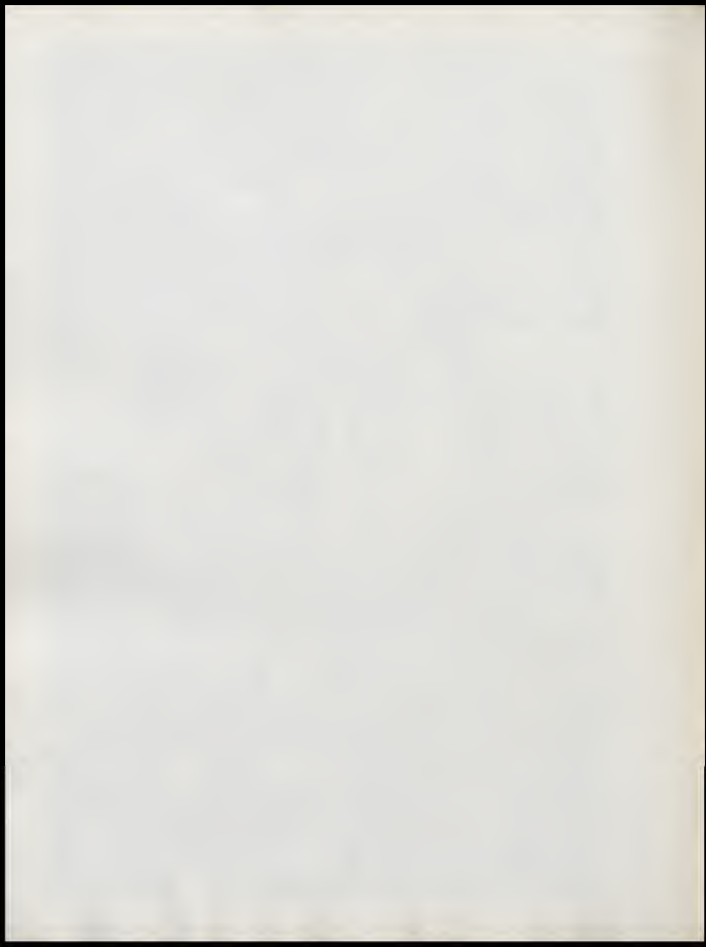
The freshman team brought home the championship trophy from the Invitational Tournament held here at Merrillville, which will be an annual affair from now on.

The Junior high team won the championship trophy of the Calumet Township Tournament and tied for second in the Lake-Porter Conference.

Nice going boys!!

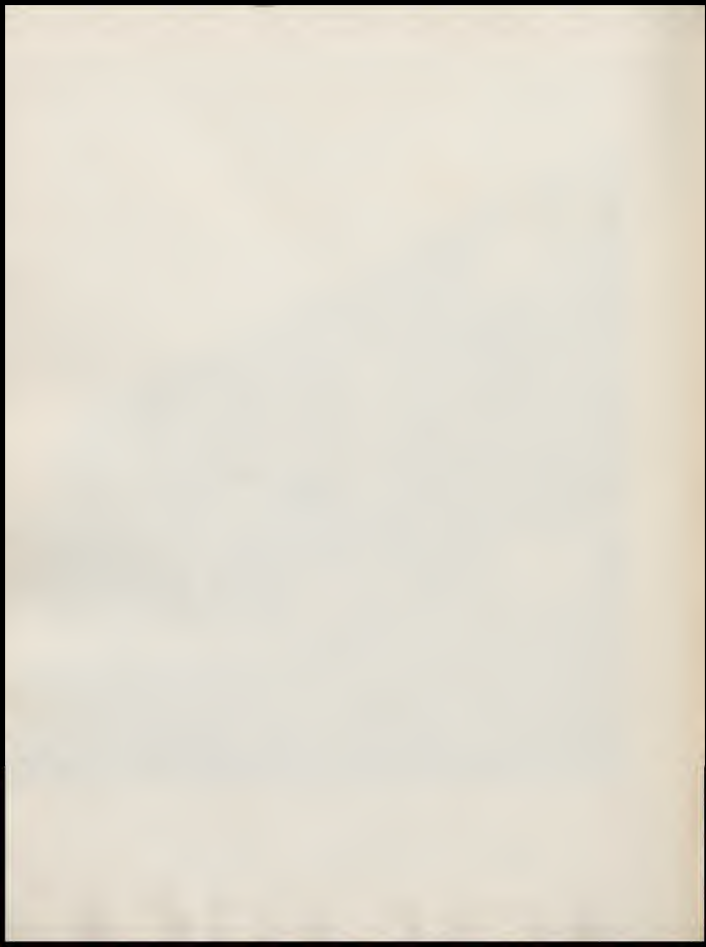








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